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| TIRE COMPRISING A SPECIFIC        | ) |                            |
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Sir:

Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of the above-captioned application.

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